

**ABSTRACT**

An actuator assembly including an actuator drivingly connected by a transmission path to an output member, the actuator being capable of moving the output member in a first direction from a rest condition to an actuated condition, and also being capable of  
5 moving the output member in a second direction from the actuated condition to the rest condition. The actuator assembly further including an energy storing means, in which movement of the output member by the actuator in the first direction is assisted by the energy storing means and movement of the output member in the second direction by the actuator stores energy in the energy storing means.

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